Short Supply of New Telephone Directory in Delhi

356. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) when was the current new telephone directory released in Delhi City;

(b) whether it is a fact that the supplies of telephone directory have run short of demand, with the result the subscribers visiting the Directory Distribution Centres are told to come after sometime; if so, what are the reasons for the short supply of telephone directory;

(c) wrether it is also a fact that the telephone numbers, names etc. of the officers of MTNL contained in Blue Pages, have not been updated with the result the subscribers have to face inconvenience in contacting the officers for redressal of their grievances;

(d) whether it is also a fact that one of the reasons for increase in the faults is a clusters of jumped and loose wires at street level D.Ps; and

(e) if so, the steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM); (a) The current telephone directory (1994 issue) was released for distribution to public in Delhi City on 19-12-94.

(b) Yes Sir, on certain days the supplies of telephone directory run sort of demand in some of the distribution centres. In such cases the old directories were accepted from customers and receipts were issued to them with request to come later for collecting the new directory. This was due to limited supplies received from the publisher on those days for these centres.

(c) Tre directory has been printed taking into account corrections upto 31.3.94. Names of MTNL officers are therefore corrected up to that date.

(d) and (e) DPs in some pockets need rehabilitation. To accomplish this, a drive is being undertaken to rehabilitate and improve the wiring in those DPs.

Setting up of a Telecom Factory at Jalandhar

357. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state;

(a) what are the names of telecom factories in the country;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Governments consideration to set up a telecom factory at Jalandhar; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Following are the Departmental Telecom. Factories under DOT :

1. Telecom. Factory Bombay,
2. Telecom. Factory Calcutta,
3. Telecom. Factory Kharagpur,
4. Telecom. Factory Wright Town (Jabanpur),
5. Telecom Factory Richhai (Jabalpur)
6. Telecom. Factory, Bhilai
7. Telecom Factory Gopalpur (Calcutta)

(b) and (c) At present, there is no proposal under Government's consideration for setting up any new Telecom. Factory at Jalandhar or elsewhere under Department of Telecom. as there is no requirement.

Posts and Telecom Services in Orissa

358. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the poor quality of essential services available in posts and telecommunications sector in Orissa;